

# Opinion Page

## 30 years ago

Mr. Ed Davenport was elected as president of the Esqueping Federation of Agriculture, at the organization's annual meeting. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of past president Mac Sprowl. The deficiency payment plan for farm produce was the topic of Mr. A.H. Daynard's, Zone Director, remark. Mr. Daynard also outlined the work carried on by the federation.

On the skids for their first three games the Raiders have mounted a comeback to show their championship form. The Raiders survived an explosive third period to edge the previously undefeated Bradford 6-5. They also dumped Orillia 5-3. Goal scorers against Orillia included Jerry Inglis and an unassisted goal from Bill Chard in the first period, Junior Beaumont added one in the second and Mike Pullen put in the winner. The fifth goal was put in an empty net by Blake Inglis.

## 15 years ago

Four intrepid Georgetown boys took to the street at 8 a.m. in the morning and played Ball Hockey continuously until 12:05 the next morning to set an unofficial world record. Steve Tarp, Mark Brabant, Rod Sparks, and Steve Cropper played for 16 hours and five minutes to break a record set in Hamilton about a month ago. The old record was 15 hours. The group of four now plans to write to the McWhirter Brothers, co-authors of the Guinness Book of World Records, in an attempt to gain official recognition of their feat.

Instead of watching television a group of Grade 7 students at Stewarttown Public School converted the library into a television studio to produce their own commercials and programs. Included in the programming was Kathy Whaley, Christine Cleave and Eric Mileham who all introduced a new lollipop that will revolutionize the candy business. The television equipment used by the students is owned by the Halton Board of Education.

Society Marquis, owned by Terry Leslie, was the first prize winner in her category, two-year-old Holstein heifer, at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held in Toronto.

## Halton's History from our files

### 10 years ago

Eddy Kasprzyckr congratulated Joe Domingos, Gerry Roberts, and Bill Pires, members of the Columbian Squires on receiving a Corps d'Elite Award. Mr. Kasprzyckr presented a plaque to the trio who were presented an award earlier in November at the Squires meeting in the Holy Cross church.

Gord Douglas, a well-known member of the North Halton Scout movement, has received the medal of merit for his outstanding contribution to the movement during the past 17 years. Mr. Douglas has been presented a letter telling him he has received the award, but the actual medal will be presented at a later date.

Gail Martin was on hand to help decorate the ARC Industries open house in Hornby last week. The open house is held each year to show the kind of work being done in a sheltered workshop operated by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

### 5 years ago

Frank Giffen received a Commissioner's Citation for his quick actions in the extinguishing of a fire in the dress of an 11-year-old girl with his bare hands. OPP Constable Giffen was on duty when the Lieutenant Governor flew to Cleveland to attend a nephew's wedding Sept. 1. The near tragedy occurred at the outside wedding reception. Abbie Mae Buck Miller, one of the flower girls, came too near one of the candles set up in the backyard when her dress caught fire. "I happened to spot her," he said. "She was about 50 feet away. I couldn't have got the dress off her in time so I put it out with my hands. OPP Commissioner Archie Ferguson wrote a letter to Constable Giffen which read, "I personally commend you for your timely response to an emergency situation."

## LETTERS

# Why has the Supreme court refused to hear abortion case?

Dear Sir,

Why the refusal by the Supreme Court of Canada to hear the Joseph Burowsky case? The case was slated to be heard many months in advance.

The Supreme Court said they refused to hear the case because there was not a law governing abortion (the same Supreme Court struck down the abortion law previously).

Are the Supreme Court justices afraid to face the truth about the humanity of the unborn child?

Truths which the medical profession and anyone else concerned about the killing of unborn children have been aware of for many years.

Have pro-choice members of the federal government and indeed pro-choice members of the official opposition (Liberals) that have appointed these judges over the years used their positions to influence the Supreme Court justices insofar as the Supreme Court refusal to hear either side of the Burowsky case?

The immoral abortion law proposal put forward by Pro-Abortion Justice Minister Mr. Doug Lewis would allow abortion on demand plus the encouragement of countless more free-standing abortion clinics across the land. The proposed law is a direct cop-out in favor of the well-financed feminist movement. Ten million dollars a year of taxpayers money into the hands of pro-abortion groups.

Anything to garner votes and silence the squeaky wheel.

We recall when 80 per cent of the electorate wanted capital punishment legislation for first-degree murder and yet the Mulroney government ignored their wishes.

Now this same government wants to decree the death penalty upon countless thousands of innocent and totally helpless unborn children - over 100,000 unborn Canadian children die by abortion each year in Canada at the present time.

The federal government wants to pass a pro-abortion law and yet I am sure there has never been a study done by any federal government in Canada which would define when human life actually begins.

It is beyond comprehension how the federal government can propose legislation to kill hundreds of thousands of Canadian children without first having a gathering of scientists, gynecologists and experts in the science of fetalogy to define for them the humanity of the unborn child.

The American government made a study in 1979 and all 50 renowned scientists including gynecologists and experts in fetalogy (study of the fetus) agreed that human life begins at the moment of conception.

The Mulroney government has already pressured several cabinet ministers to vote for the proposed pro-abortion law. Mulroney wants complete solidarity from his cabinet ministers according to the news media.

Barbara McDougal, a pro-abortion cabinet minister stated

that "Tell it like it is, abortion is the killing of an unborn child."

Barbara McDougal tells it like it is.

Induced abortion is the destruction of human life. Legalization of abortion cannot change this fact. Sadly it encourages a civilization to become much less civilized and much less loving.

Please write Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Justice Minister D. Lewis, Minister of Health and Welfare Mr. Perrin Beatty and your MP, Halton-Peel MP Mr. Garth Turner. The unborn children must rely on you. He or she cannot protest their killing. Address all letters to House of Commons, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, 1A1 0A6.

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Patterson,  
Georgetown

## Make your bid on a teddy bear

Dear Sir,

The goodness of people has certainly been evident, especially during my Teddy Bear Silent Auction fundraiser experience. Not only have individuals, families and businesses generously donated the bears for the auction (46 in all), but many others have given in kind (the use of storefront windows, bid book, the bidders) including your newspaper, which has willingly covered the event in a recent article.

Despite this being a personal project, it has been anything but an individual effort, for over 100 people have participated in one way or another, with many offers of help or bears being unsolicited!

And there's still a week left to get your bids in on your favorite cuddly one, before the Silent Auction ends on Nov. 30. The bear collection will be on display for bidding at Georgetown Fabric (between Loblaws and the Delrex Smoke Shop) during this final week.

If you are fortunate enough to be

a 'highest bidder' on one or more of the bears, not only will you be the proud owner of a teddy bear, but the money you bid will go as a donation in its entirety to the World YWCA for development projects for women and their families around the world.

A heartfelt thanks to your newspaper for sharing the teddy bear story with your readers. Give each other a big bear hug for a job well done!

Gratefully,  
Marilyn Mitton,  
Vice President, World YWCA

## Write us!

The Herald wants to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or a comment to make, send us a letter or drop by the office. Our address is 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

## GST puts life's small pleasures in jeopardy



Donna Kell  
Kell's Korner

come earner was a sitting duck under the present tax system. But it's certainly better to be a sitting duck than a duck a l'orange served up at some corporate dinner.

Because the bottom line is, the Tories want to drop the magnanimous tax credits they generously allowed the lower-income earners.

But they opened up the bag of goodies, gave us a peek, and then quickly drew them away:

Groceries could be taxed and any remaining exemptions on such things as drugs or dental appointments could be subject to the tax grab that is supposed to get our country out of its deficit.

Everyone is always talking about the deficit, how the government spends too much, and collects too little tax.

But why take the tax gun, and shoot directly at the lower and middle income earners, and the consumer in the lower income bracket, who certainly spends more percentage-wise and his wealthier counterpart.

Maybe some corporate sports players can write off a golf club membership that costs thousands a year for their company, and then for the people of Canada who absorb the exemption. But you have to question a tax system that would steal a little pleasure from people who can't afford a night out bowling.



Ian Weir  
Weir's View  
The Herald News Service

News item: Representatives of the KGB recently appeared on the Soviet version of a TV talk-show in an attempt to clear up misconceptions about the agency. Rather than an instrument of state-sponsored terror, they explained, the KGB is actually a public-spirited organization staffed by caring and compassionate human beings.

Ahem. We pause briefly, as a certain well-known theme song begins...

An icy Moscow wind howled as agent 007 of Her Majesty's Secret Service slipped through the back door of the Hotel Glasnost, and crept up the stairs that would lead him to room 412.

Bond's lips twisted in the cold smile of a man who carried the elite double-O designation, he license to kill. Numerous large-budget movies later, it was also a license to print money.

But tonight was a night for killing, not box-office. Because upstairs, in room 412, Igor Bytchernosoff waited.

Bytchernosoff was the coldest

killer on the KGB. He had headed the execution squads of every secret service in the Eastern Bloc.

In the fifties, he had been known as the Scourge of Stalingrad. In the sixties, he had been the Beast of Bulgaria, and later the Peril of Poland.

Latterly, he had turned his sights on the British Service. Bond had been briefed on this by M and Q. Bytchernosoff had shot P and N, garrotted S and T, and poisoned B, X and Z, shattering the Service's morale and leaving it alarmingly low on consonants.

Bond thought grimly upon this as he drew his Walther PPK and kicked through the door of room 412.

Butchernosoff had been sitting in a chair by the fire. Now he leaped up, exclaiming in surprise and dropping his needlepoint.

"Oh, look!" he cried. "What a nice surprise! It's Commander Bond - may I call you James? And my, what a lovely suit."

Eyeing him icily, Bond took out a cigarette - a Morland Special with the three gold bands. The Morland Specials were a blend of Turkish and American tobacco, and had been missing from the movies ever since the anti-smoking types got their knickers in a knot.

Bytchernosoff regarded him curiously. "What brings you here, James?"

"I'm here to kill you," Bond snapped. "I've got a license," he added. "So what do you think of that?"

"Kill me?" Bytchernosoff exclaimed. "Oh dear." Then he hesitated, and asked sensitively: "Would it make you happy?"

Bond's eyes narrowed. "What

does that have to do with it?"

"I'm with the KGB," Bytchernosoff explained. "We care about people, James. May I call you Jim? It's important for people to be happy. In my case - well, going to the ballet makes me happy. And bouncing grandchildren on my knee. But if killing me makes you happy..."

Bond's steely gaze wavered, and he felt a sudden, strong need for a vodka martini. With a twist of lemon. Shaken, not stirred. A manly drink that bloody Roger Moore drank champagne instead of.

"I don't want to be happy," Bond scowled. "I hate being happy. I just like shooting people and sleeping with women with silly names like Honeychile Ryder."

"No, Jim," Bytchernosoff said earnestly. "I don't believe that. I think you're just misunderstood. Deep inside, you just want people to like you."

Bond's lip trembled. His eyes misted. These were the first compassionate words he had heard since his old Scottish nanny had crooned him lullabies and called him Little Jim-Bits.

"That's it, Jim," Bytchernosoff urged. "Cry. Let it out. Men must get in touch with their feelings."

Bytchernosoff smiled so radiantly that Bond didn't notice the knife until it was already between his ribs.

"Aarrgh!" he croaked, staggering backwards. "But I thought... and there was a news-item, just the other day, that said..."

"Oh, Jim," Bytchernosoff said sadly. "You've got to stop believing everything you read in the newspapers."

What sort of "fair" system of taxation would put the small pleasures of life in jeopardy?

The Goods and Services Tax proposed by the federal government instills fear in people such as Rose Radyk who owns the Georgetown Bowl with her family. Mrs. Radyk doesn't know if her doors will have to close once everything from the planks on the floors to the soft drinks in bowlers' hands is taxed.

After 29 years hosting a recreational activity for the community's low and middle income families, the Radyks may be faced with a crisis they can't bear.

The new tax is supposed to be "broader-based" and more "equitable," but it seems the little guy (or gal) gets nailed to the wall.

I listened to Tory Halton-Peel Tory MP Garth Turner stand up in July and say that the middle in-